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**Applicant** 

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 10-30-08 the applicant submits a Request for Continued Examination. Please amend the amend the above-identified application as follows:

## **AMENDMENT**

Amended and New Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

A Complete "Clean Sheet" Set of Claims is presented in Appendix A

New Evidence described in the Remarks section is contained in the attached IDS #6.